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Dear Art Teacher or Principal,

I am pleased to invite members of the student body of your high school to participate in the 29th Annual Congressional Art Competition. I will be sponsoring the 2010 art competition and exhibition for high school students within the 4th Congressional District of Connecticut at Housatonic Community College's Beacon Hall, 900 Lafayette Blvd., Bridgeport, CT 06604.

Each spring, the United States House of Representatives sponsors an art competition for high school students. Artwork that is submitted from students in Connecticut's 4th Congressional District will be evaluated by an expert panel of judges. The winning entry will then be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol alongside artwork from Congressional Districts across our country. Our office will be providing round trip transportation for the winner and two family members from the 4th District to travel to Washington, D.C. to see the display in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol. In addition, the runners-up in my competition will have their artwork displayed in my district offices in Bridgeport and Stamford. I hope that you will encourage your students to participate.

All students who reside in and/or attend high school in the 4th Congressional District are eligible to submit entries. Participating students must complete the enclosed "Student Information & Release Form." This form needs to be completed and signed by the student and a faculty member and faxed to my Bridgeport office at (203) 333-6655, to ATTN: Peter Yazbak, no later than May 5, 2010. The original "Student Information & Release Form" should then be affixed to the back of the artwork when it is delivered to the exhibition site. **Any student submitting his or her form after the May 5, 2010 deadline may be prevented from participating in the competition.**

The guidelines for suitability and framing are enclosed. Please read the material carefully, as both Beacon Hall and the U.S. Capitol have specific requirements for hanging artwork. All information and forms can be accessed on the U.S. House of Representatives website through the link: <http://www.house.gov/house/ArtGuidelines.shtml>. Artwork, with the "Student Information & Release Form" affixed to the back, should be delivered to Beacon Hall, 900 Lafayette Blvd., Bridgeport, CT 06604, in care of Art Director Robbin Zella, from May 10 through May 12, between the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm. Student entries will be on display in the Housatonic Art Gallery from May 15 through May 17.

I will be hosting an Awards Ceremony and Reception to honor all participants at Beacon Hall on Monday, May 17, 2010 from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

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As your Congressman, I am privileged to represent and work with so many engaged students and dedicated teachers and administrators in making programs like our Annual Congressional Art Competition a success. I look forward to working together on this unique showcase for the talents' of our district's young artists. I hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Yazbak in my Bridgeport office at (203) 333-6600 or Peter.Yazbak@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Jim Himes
Member of Congress